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SUBJ: DISASTER RELIEF TO MEXICO

REF: STATE 189459

1. REFERENCES TO CODAF IN SUBJECT TREATY (TIAS 6481) WERE DELETED IN AMENDMENT EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES MARCH 1972.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ TODAY ROSENZWEIG NOTED THAT NO MEETINGS HELD UNDER TREATY IN PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS. WHILE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC AT PROSPECT OF CONSIDERING NEW MEETINGS, HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO DETERMINE ITS INTEREST, SINCE DEFENSE HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISASTER RELIEF IN MEXICO.

3. ROSENZWEIG WAS DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE ON INCLUSION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES EVEN IF MEETINGS HELD UNDER TREATY. HE NOTED TREATY PROVIDES FOR SUB-COMMITTEES, BUT THESE ARE TO BE DRAWN FROM REGULAR MEMBERSHIP WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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DOES NOT INCLUDE STATES OFFICIALS. HE FEARED THAT INCLUSION

OF STATE OFFICIALS MIGHT LEAD TO DIRECT INTERSTATE RELATIONSHIP, BYPASSING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND SAID GOM WOULD NOT WANT THIS TO OCCUR. HE ALSO HAD SOME CONCERN OVER ANY PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE STATE OFFICIALS SELECTIVELY, I.E., ONLY CALIFORNIA AND BAJA CALIFORNIA. THE ALTERNATIVE, INCLUSION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL BORDER STATES, WAS AN EVEN LESS INVITING PROSPECT.

4. WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT OF GOM INTEREST IN REVIVIFYING DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE AND EVEN LESS THAT GOM WOULD AGREE TO INCLUSION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION GOM IS CONTENT TO LEAVE TREATY ON THE BOOKS AS LEGAL BASIS FOR JOINT ACTION IN SOME UNSPECIFIED AND UNFORESEEABLE EMERGENCY SITUATION IN FUTURE. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, SEE ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR ACTIVE COMMITTEE. POSITION OF DEFENSE SECRETARIAT WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN RECEIVED. IN THE MEANTIME, SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON GOVERNOR REAGAN'S PROPOSAL MIGHT BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY. MCBRIDE UNQTE
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